

DRAFT KEY MESSAGES FOR LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING ON JANUARY 30, 2002

EPA, DEQ other state and federal agencies and six tribes have formed a unique collaborative project team to work on the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup. Eleven parties signed a Memorandum of Understanding in February 2001 to mark the agreement on how the agencies and tribes will work together.

- EPA is the lead agency for cleaning up contaminated sediments in the river.
- DEQ is the lead agency for cleaning up the upland sites and contamination sources.

After nine months of negotiations members of the Lower Willamette Group signed an Administrative Order on Consent with EPA in September 2001, to establish the details for performing a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study.

The goal of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for Portland Harbor is to find out:

- what kinds of contamination exists
- how much contamination is present
- where the contamination is located
- how far it extends

The Administrative Order on Consent and an attached statement of work identifies tasks to be completed during the first part of 2002 in order to develop a Work Plan for the sediment investigation. (fact sheet describes some of these tasks in brief)

Contractors for the Lower Willamette Group will perform the tasks and produce the reports and data for review and approval by EPA, DEQ and the project team.

Early and meaningful involvement of the public is an important part of the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup. A Community Involvement Plan has been prepared to make sure we have done outreach to identify and engage everyone affected by Portland harbor and to identify ways the public can participate in the investigation and cleanup.

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Portland Harbor was added to EPA's National Priorities List in December 2000.

The Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study will result in a proposed plan for cleanup. Identifying Potentially Responsible Parties is NOT part of the RI/FS.

?Risk Assessment – ATSDR releasing theirs, EPA working on theirs

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